

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
September 3, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person

Dr. Ed **Sivak**, Jr., Board President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston
Frank Figgers, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Network Assistant Superintendents
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Chief of Staff
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Earl Burke, CFOO

Board Members via Teleconference

Cynthia Thompson, Secretary
Mitch McGuffey, Member

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Ed **Sivak**, Jr., Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order September 3, 2024, at 5:40 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established when all six (6) members, namely Ed **Sivak**, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, and Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, attended the meeting in person; Mitch McGuffey and Cynthia Thompson participated via phone.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Barbara Hilliard motioned to approve the agenda as presented; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
 - a. August 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Greene presented his report.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Ms. Okolo Rashid addressed the Board to ask them to delay action on accepting a proposal for the repurposing of Chastain Middle School in order to allow another community-based group to submit a proposal.
 - b. Ms. Najla Sharrief addressed the Board to ask them to delay action on accepting a proposal for the repurposing of Chastain Middle School in order to allow another community-based group to submit a proposal.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - a. Grants Department Update:
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of Southern Education Foundation Data Sharing Agreement: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Northtown Pharmacy and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Renewal for Associated Adjusters, Third-Party Claims Administrator for Jackson Public Schools (JPS): The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Agreement between Imagine Learning (formerly Edgenuity) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Online and Blended Learning: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Terms of Services of Quaver Music (RFP 2024-19): The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval to Award in Partial Fulfillment of RFP 2024-17 to Great Minds: The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of the Cancellation and Release of the Agreement between Jackson Public School (Lessor) and Moran Canvas Product Inc. (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item g. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**
- h. RFP Proposals for Surplus School Properties: The Board voted to approve item h. Ed Sivak moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to approve item h, but such approval is contingent upon future action of the board declaring the properties surplus and setting out all final terms and conditions of the proposed transfers. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Contract Change Order 001 I Add \$350,000 !ESSER Renovations for Career Development Center (Bid 3241): The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson,

Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.
PASSED

- b. Approval of Various Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

- c. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment: JKA - Credit Recovery, JBG - District to District Transfer, GBEN - Smoking Tobacco Products on School Premises, KJA - School Volunteers: The Board voted to approve item a. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

- b. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item b. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; no votes were cast against the motion. PASSED

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Jeanne M. Hairston, Barbara Hilliard, Ed Sivak, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

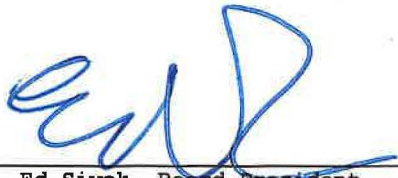
XII. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Closed Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to enter into executive session to take up one (1) employee termination appeal. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Executive Session: In the executive session, the Board considered the superintendent's recommendation to terminate Tondia Lewis. The Board's findings and decision are set forth in the order attached hereto.

There being no further business to discuss in the executive session, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion to exit the executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjourn: Back in the open session, there was no further business,, and Cynthia Thompson moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President

9/17/24

Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member

9/17/24

Date